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Hungary here in January

The national teams of Hungary and Yugoslavia have been invited to play tournaments in Sydney and Melbourne next January. The tournaments will mark the 25th anniversary of St. George-Budapest and Melbourne Soccer Club. George coach Frank Arok says Hungary has accepted the Saints' invitation to a part in the tournaments.

He said he also would invite Yugoslavia, but if he is unsuccessful, he will take top club side Vojvodina.

Each tournament will comprise four teams — Hungary and another from overseas, and two local sides.

"St George would of course play in the Sydney tournament. The other local side could be a Sydney select eleven, or perhaps

a local Middle-European all-stars team," Arok said.

Meanwhile, Saints are relying on victory over Croatia in the NSW grand final on Sunday to boost their application for national league membership.

"Having lost to Croatia a few times this year, we must come out of this season with a title to back up our claims," Arok said.

HERMISTON IS OUR NO. 1

Youths China-bound

The national youth team will compete in a world youth tournament in China after the world youth championships.

The United States also has been invited to take part. The tournament starts on October 19 — the day after a final of the world championships. Presumably the FFA does not expect Australia to advance that far.

"Some of the youth squad may not be available for the trip to China because of their heavy commitments over the next two months," ASFA youth development officer Brian Neary said this week.

"So we may take along two or three players from the youth Institute who will be eligible for the 1983 world championships."

The youth players entered camp at the Park Royal Hotel in Canberra on Monday.

They will switch to Sydney on September 28.

Coch Les Scheinflug will cut his 22-man squad to a 16 next week.

The squad is: Glen Ahearn, Dennis Ivanac, Oscar Crino, Dave Skeen, Robert Wheatley, Ian McKie, Steve Blair, Mal Tuttle, Howard Tredinnick, Brett Woods, Alan Lee, Attilio Carbone, Paul Kay, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Dennis Coloussis, John Little, Fabio Cantalupo, Mark Koussas, Ian Hunter, David Mitchell, Ian Gray. Reserves: Brett Beeves, Chris Manou, Luciano Gignore, Bruno Cozzella.

Ajax or Croydon for the Cup?

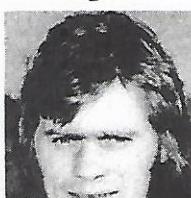
Green Gully Ajax will be on an odds-on favorite for the 1981 Dockey Cup if it beats Croydon in Sunday's semi-final at Olympic Park No. 2.

The other semi-finalists, Sunshine and Altona, clash at 1pm in the first game of Sunday's double header.

The draw for the semi-finals was made last Monday morning at Soccer House and dashed VSF hopes for a repeat of this year's Ampol Cup Final between Ajax and Croydon.

The quarter-final defeat of Crotia has robbed the cup of much of its glamor but Sunshine and the relegated Altona have a late chance to snatch some solace from an otherwise dismal season.

Sunshine defender Dennis Marovic, badly concussed in the win over Croatia, won't be available for the Altona clash but winger Jimmy McRobert may be fit after



Jim McRobert

missing last Sunday's game through injury.

Ajax and Croydon should be able to field the same squads as they did last weekend and although Sunshine is growing in confidence the 1981 Dockey Cup should go to the winner of Sunday's second semi-final. — CRAIG MACKENZIE



The "Soccer Action"-JAT Player of the Year, Jim Hermiston (right) in a tussle with Adelaide City's David Mitchell, runner-up in the voting.

Jim Hermiston of Brisbane Lions is the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year for the second successive season.

"Marvellous, great. That makes me feel much better," said the Queensland policeman when we rang him in Brisbane.

"I was injured in training and I missed my first match in four years on Sunday."

Hermiston, 34 this month, has damaged ligaments in his right knee but is confident of being fit for the Philips Cup final in Canberra on Sunday.

Hermiston won the Yugoslav Airlines award with 82 votes.

Second was David Mitchell of Adelaide City Juventus with 75 and third, Peter Wilson of APIA with 73.

Previous winners of the award were: 1976 Steve Koleska (Vic) and Bruce Stowell (NSW); 1977: Jimmy Rooney; 1978: Ken Boden; 1979: Ivo Prskalo; 1980: Jim Hermiston.

Hermiston is a physical education instructor at the Queensland Police Academy.

During that illustrious career, he won about a dozen State and National awards.

His hobby is long distance running, which he plans to take up more seriously when he retires from soccer.

He recently won his first marathon against 70 police cadets in 3 hours 22 minutes, but he wants to get his marathon time down below three hours.

Apart from his soccer training, he runs five miles three or four times a week.

Hermiston's contact with Lions expires this year and he has been talking to himself about his future until he negotiated with the committee.

There's another potential family — 13-year-old James who just came back from Darwin where he played with the Queensland State under 13 team in the national championships.

Jim and his wife Maureen have two other children — Julie, 14, and Louise, 9.

Hermiston spent 10 years with Scotch Club Aberdeen, mostly as a full back, but he plays midfield when Aberdeen won the Scottish Cup final 3-1 against Celtic in 1970.

He was a Galtes "Telegraph" Sportsman of the Month award after playing four games in as many days — an Ampol Cup semi-final for Grange on Friday night, PSL games for Brisbane City on Saturday and Sunday, and the Ampol Cup final for Grange on Monday night.

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and in 1974 he was voted Scottish Player of the Year by the Players' Union.

He has three Scottish under 23 caps, played for the Scottish League three times, and he was in Scotland's preliminary 40-man World Cup squad in 1974 but did not make the final 22.

It was Queensland State League club Grange Thistle that brought him to Australia in 1977.

Grange loaned him to Brisbane City, which meant he played two games every weekend — one for each club.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA:14

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Cedo Cirkovic



Peter Ollerton

J.U.S.T.'s chance for revenge

Footscray J.U.S.T. will try to turn the tables on its main tormentor, Preston-Makedonia, in a home-and-away challenge over the next two Sundays.

Makedonia has had the better of J.U.S.T. over the past few seasons.

But J.U.S.T. has the chance to get even when it meets Makedonia at Connor Reserve in Reservoir at 3pm on Sunday and again at Schnitter Reserve, Footscray, the following Sunday.

Prize money of \$1000 will go to the overall winner.

Both teams saved themselves from relegation this year with a dramatic comeback.

Makedonia replaced coach Brian Edgley with Peter Ollerton and bought Isaac Farrell and Richard Wilson from Canberra and Peter Boyle from West Adelaide Hellas.

Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic persevered quietly until Zdravko Lujic and then Johan Verweij arrived to pep up an ailing forward line. Nebosja Licanic from Yugoslavia was to have been another savior, but he flopped so badly that the club sent him home again.

The fortunes of Makedonia and J.U.S.T. have run parallel for most of the season.

At the half-way mark, for example, Makedonia was 12th and J.U.S.T. 13th. They still were in the same positions before the last round at the weekend.

But improvement is reflected in figures for the second half of the season. Whereas Makedonia scored 11 points in the first half, it added 14 points in the second half. J.U.S.T. did even better, notching 15 second-half points compared with 10 in the first.

J.U.S.T. will use Milan Kojic and Slobodan Popovic in its challenge matches against Makedonia. Kojic, a forward, and Popovic, a sweeper, have been used by Northcote City since arriving this year from Yugoslavia, but they will switch to J.U.S.T. next season.

Anyone for a Cup final?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The betting for the Philips Cup final at Canberra's Bruce Stadium on Sunday is not so much about who will win, but whether anyone will watch it.

A home and away final would have been much more desirable and much more profitable.

Brisbane Lions are the firm favorites, but sentiment must favor West Adelaide Hellas, the unfortunate struggler which finished last in the national league.

The possibility of strengthening its case for readmission to the league by winning the Cup is foremost in the minds of the Hellas players and administrators.

But to achieve an upset result, Hellas desperately needs all its stars back.

Graeme Honeyman, Manecas, Con Kambas and Vic Bozanic have been among the recent absentees due to injury or suspension. Men like that are impossible to replace.

Coch Peter Jakska, who hopes to go to Europe to import new players, acknowledges Lions' strengths but believes that with a full team, Hellas could end the year with the Cup as compensation for league failure.

But its the Lions who have the form, the talent and the confidence to win the final.

Jim Hermiston, the leader of the Lions pack, will make a triumphant entry to the Bruce Stadium pitch, after having been voted the "Soccer Action" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year for the third consecutive season.

As usual, Hermiston's accurate long passes out of defence will determine the nature of Lions' play. Big Calvin Daunt is up front to nod the ball toward goal, or down onto the willing boots of Billy Williamson, who has been scoring regularly since arriving from Scotland mid-way through the year.

And in midfield, MacLean, Ferris and Hogg look a much tighter unit than any combination Jakska is able to come up with.

Left back Alan Niven always plays a controlled game, always willing to attack, but ever mindful of his defensive duties as well.

West Adelaide Hellas has no such full back when Vic Bozanic is unavailable.

Tom Forde, Ian McKie and Con Kambas, if available, will fight tooth and nail to shackles the Lions but it's goalkeeper Martyn Crook who will be the biggest stumbling block to the Queenslanders.

Crook has been in superlative form again this year and if Hellas snatches a fairytale victory, you can bet Crook will be chaired off the field by whatever spectators happen to be available.

Previous Cup winners were Brisbane City in 1977 and 1978, Adelaide City Juventus in 1974 and Manecas in 1980.

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Egan, Gardiner, Toal, Bannon vie for medal



Bobby Toal

Charlie Egan of Frankston, John Gardiner of Ajax, Paddy Bannon of Croatia and Bobby Toal of George Cross should fight out the Victorian Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the Victorian State League.

Bannon and Gardiner polled well in Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year award while discussions I've had with referee and players suggest Egan and Toal should figure prominently in tomorrow night's (Thursday's) presentation at the Southern Cross hotel in Melbourne.

Gardiner has won the Rothmans Medal twice, in 1971 and 1972, while Bannon won the medal in 1974. No player has won a hat-trick of Rothmans Medals so a win to Gardiner would be a historic result.

If I have to stick out my neck and tip the winner then Egan's my pick.

I'm not at liberty to name the six referees I've spoken to about the ace Frankston scorer but without exception they felt that Egan deserved protection from them because they saw him as the target for some rough treatment for defenders.

Some of these conversations took place before matches which prompt me to speculate how much referees take Egan's diminutive size and superb close ball skills into account.

I think Egan stands out in a game and I see him as one of a handful of players who immediately come under close scrutiny from referees.

I've spoken to a couple of George Cross players in recent weeks. They've asked referees about votes after George Cross's last seven State League games and the players concerned assure me that Toal has polled a staggering 15 votes from those games!

Gardiner has been the best player in the State League for the past two years in which I've covered the league for "Soccer Action". I've got no reservations about making that claim. For me

there's not better football brain in Victoria. His vision, skill and attitude are second to none.

Paddy Bannon has had an outstanding season since joining Croatia from PSL club Heidelberg United just before the opening league game of the year.

Consistency has been the keynote to Bannon's success. His on-field temperament is excellent, something which impresses many referees.

Whatever the outcome, it should be a great night. The Rothmans Medal is the highlight of the soccer year. It's really a player's night, the one time when the soccer fraternity gathers to pay homage to the people who do it out on the field.

The rewards for the winner are enormous. Apart from the Rothmans Medal itself, the media coverage afforded to the lucky player means offers should come flooding in before the kick-off of the 1982 season. —CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Watson the man of the year

When the Joe Watson — John Stevenson partnership was split up late last year, I had my reservations about whether either player would retain the same level of effectiveness.

Now, with the season over, it gives me great pleasure to say that Joe Watson was the No. 1 winning factor in the champion Sydney City side.

He probably won't win any awards but to me, Watson was the league's Man of the Year.

He has been a driving force not only this year, but in each of the three titles Sydney City has won over the past five years.

Close behind Watson was another winger, Phil O'Connor of APIA, who unfortunately was injured at the wrong time of year.

On paper, APIA has not been a team for the top of the league but O'Connor's influence was phenomenal. He was virtually a one-man band for so many games!

In my opinion, these two — O'Connor and Watson — where absolutely outstanding. Every time they did not play, their teams were not the same.

Watson has been in Australia for so long, yet his talents have never been properly exploited at national team level, which remains a crying shame.

Jim Hermitson is another who's had an outstanding season — but that's not unusual for this Brisbane Lions star.

It is largely because of Hermitson's leadership that Lions found themselves competing for the top. He is a man of influence just like Watson and O'Connor — a man who makes his mark on every game.

He is an authority out there on the park — he knows how to dictate the terms and most important for a coach, he

plays every match. The man is never injured!

I also want to pay tribute to Fodderay J.U.S.T.'s goalkeeper, Don Boland. Again, I'm looking for players who have a big influence on their team, and Boland certainly fits into that category.

Some years ago, he was regarded as unpredictable, but at age 30, he is mature now, he is settled and he is one of the soundest goalkeepers in the league.

Boland and Zdravko Lujic spearhead J.U.S.T.'s revival, but Boland had the greater influence because unlike Lujic, he played the entire season.

John Perin again was the most influential player at Adelaide City. Every time he played well, the team played well. Ability-wise, Perin always has been a freak. He's been a bit temperamental, which hasn't helped him, but while they say that discipline can replace class, I don't think it can replace super-class.

Ian Souness of Sydney City was a temperamental player but he, along with Watson, was a driving force of the team, and it was his extraordinary shooting power that enabled Sydney City to win many a tight game.

Aun Evans is another leader, of the Jim Hermitson mould. Technically faultless, the focal point of South Melbourne's attack, a man who offers himself for every ball, Evans stands among the giants of the national competition and defenders often are intimidated by his authority.

While these have been the outstanding personalities of 1981, let's also list the men who will replace them in the coming years.

They are David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Graham Jennings, Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic), Bruce James (Blacktown), Marshall Soper (Blacktown), Marshall Soper (Blacktown).

CASH FOR CLASS IS SLICKERS' MOTTO

Sydney Slackers have proven again that it pays to spend top money to buy quality.

With so many successful businessmen in their ranks it is not surprising that the Slickers are prepared to back the old business adage "you have got to speculate to accumulate."

Through the years they have always bought truly top players, from Leo Baumgartner, to John Watkiss, through to recent buys Ken Boden and latterly John Kosmina.

Boden and Kosmina this year have added that touch of extra class to a team which already had gifted performers in Joe Watson, Kevin Mullens and Ian Souness.

Sydney City provides an interesting contrast with arch Sydney rival, St George BSC, which until the advent of the Philips League had kept pace with the Slickers through many years of State League rivalry.

St George's board of directors, similar to that of Sydney City's, is mostly made up of Hungarians of Jewish background.

St George's board has remained stable over more than two decades, just as has the Slicker's board, with Alex Pongrass and Frank Lowy the bosses.

Saint's leadership is more of a dictatorship than that at Sil-



Rale Basic

(APIA), Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Bruno Cozeela (Footscray), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) all young players who have shown remarkable ability this year, so much so that they are destined to be the Watsons, O'Connors and Evanses of the future.

For me he's Australia's Soccer Player of The Year and a player who will have a big say in this country's international future.

That is how I describe Sydney City's Ian Souness, the man who was the keystone to the Slickers 1981 PSL championship win.

Souness has had a marvellous season. Here is a young man with talent unlimited.

During the year he was moved from fullback to midfield and had the ability to make either position with great ease and accomplishment.

So much so that he ended as the Slickers' joint leading scorer with Ken Boden, with 12 goals.

That I may add, is not a bad effort for a defender.

As a present-day Australian player, Souness is something different — something special.

He has it all and this, plus the complete approach to professionalism, makes him a rare and valuable player indeed.

Like I said, for my money this fellow has been the outstanding player in Australia this year.

Mind you, there have been other fine performers, including his team mate Joe Watson.

Watson also has had a fine season, but the only thing that kept "Jinkin Joe" that shade behind Souness is that his finishing is not as lethal.

And a player who can finish as well as be an expert in lead up work is what every coach is looking for.

My vote for Joke of the Year goes to Rene Houseman.

Houseman was to have joined Sydney City. After countless delays and excuses, he didn't show up.

Sydney City did however, get his younger brother Marcelo. After a couple of appearances in the youth team, the club sent him back to Argentina.

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APIA 1
Marconi 1



Roger Sherack

Ground: Leichhardt Oval
Crowd: 4248
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8
Goals: Soper 20', Mariani 75'

Yellow cards: Soper
Red cards: Nil

APIA-LEICHARDT:
Woodhouse 8, Skelton 7,
McAllister 6, Pullen 7, Wilson
8, Bradley 7, Maher 9, Kafke
8, Hughes 6, Soper 8 (Mori-
so), O'Connor 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Tome-
sich 7, Degney 6, Prakalo 7,
Mariani 9, Byrne 7, Krnicic 7,
Johnston 6, Sharne 7, Hender-
son 6, Jankovic 7.

In an evenly fought game at Leichhardt Oval, some 4000 spectators had their first glimpse of what is in store for us should we take on the new season of soccer.

The lighting was superb, the game was attractive and what little excitement of scoring was well worth waiting for. It might have been the "real McCoy", but the scene was close enough to what one should expect during summer.

The humidity and the heat certainly wasn't on show but all other aspects of the proposals for the new season were there.

Marshall Soper scored for APIA Leichhardt very early in the piece, and Bertie Mariani repaid the Fairfielders late in the game to give Marconi its first point in many weeks.

It was a welcome relief for Luciano Nesti, the man who took over from Raul Blanco close to the end of the season. In fact one might think Nesti a little lucky to get the point. A cross by Peter Sharne, from the corner kick, was superbly headed by Bertie Mariani wide of Woodhouse to make it 1-1.

"Lucky" Luciano?

It's not much. In fact had Marconi taken some of the chances created the points might have gone well away from Leichhardt, some 20 km away.

MATCH RATING: 8

Leichhardt opened the scoring in the 20th minute following a good build up on the left hand side. Phil O'Connor managed to create some space before knocking the ball to the far post to find a completely unmarked Bradley. The APIA midfielders wasted no time in crossing the ball to Soper who found the net with a neat header from metres away.

The arm went up "la Chanson style" and the APIA supporters went wild.

Young Soper continued to be a thorn in Marconi's defence, but appeared also to be interested in some private duels. He was booked following a foul on Eddie Krnicic after the game was stopped and was lucky to get away with the yellow card only. Minutes later he was replaced by Willie Wallace, the coach of Leichhardt, obviously to keep the lead from yet another card - RED.

An enthusiastic and talented player, Soper should know better than to get carried away. He was close to the leaders in the top scoring hunt for 1981 and needed to stay on the park in order to score goals - not otherwise.

Butler for Leichhardt, and Mariani for Marconi were in great form - one might even say, they are maturing like a good wine, for both displayed some fine skills.

Tony Henderson, a surprise selection in the forward line, was followed by Mark Pullen all over the park, while Peter Wilson made Mark Janovic's working day fairly difficult throughout.



APIA's Terry Butler wins the ball in the air, against Heidelberg opponent Andy Bozikas (left). In the middle is John Bradley.

Canberra men lose \$1750

Canberra 1 Makedonia 0

Scorer: Gibson.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9,
Cole 8, Byrne 8, M. O'Shea 8,
Moutsopoulos 7, (Massa, 41st
7), McLaren 7 (Valeri 58th 7),
J. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7;
Gibson 7, Purdie 8, Brennan 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Wilson 9, Beach 7, Rainey 7,
Petrowski 7, Ollerton 7 (McL-
ver 45th 7), Boyle 8, Whittle 7,
Lukens 7, Farrell 7; Cullen
Brown.

Cautions: Brown, Purdie.
Crowd: 3142.
Weather: Fine, sunny.

Ref. J. Fearn (Melbourne).
Canberra ended the 1981 season with victory and their best-ever achievement on two counts - fifth position and 33 points.

But the home team made heavy weather of their last match solitary goal victory.

It should have been wrapped up and signed, sealed and delivered at half-time.

Two things prevented that happening - over-anxiousness and the brilliance of Preston's ex-Canberra goalkeeper, Richard Wilson.

In fact it was a game in which the goalkeepers stole the limelight.

Fortunately for Wilson his one mistake of the game was to give Canberra victory. It came after just 10 minutes.

Canberra's 10th minute free-kick on the left flank was taken quickly by front-runner Ian Gibson and he struck the ball perfectly. But it wasn't that which beat Wilson. It was the wind, for it was that which swerved the ball in the air, caused Wilson to misjudge the centre and saw it finally squeeze between his fingers and into the net.

But within minutes Wilson showed superb agility to prevent what looked like another.

Duncan Cole's long through was headed on by Tony Brennan and then John O'Shea's final header looked destined for the top left hand corner - until Wilson somehow got his fingers to the ball to tip it over the bar for a corner.

Again, just five minutes later, Wilson was in superb form as he saved a fizzing Ian Gibson's ground shot.

But still it was a first half that should have seen Canberra put the issue well and truly beyond doubt.

For them it was a day to remember with despair.

Yes, despite, not happiness over a win, but with one more goal each man would have collected a \$500 bonus.

But more than that another point and fourth position on the league ladder would have meant another \$1250 a man.

So for one goal and one point each player got a bit of pocket a staggering \$1750.

Within minutes of the second half beginning, Canberra's frustration at not being able to score a second goal was evident . . . as was flickleness in defence once Massa went to sweeper and skipper Terry Byrne to midfield.

Again Byrne had had a great game. He so thoroughly deserves his nickname as 'Mr Unflappability'.

Canberra back-pedalled and suffered in defence and as Preston lifted their game they were the better and more constructive attacking team.

Player coach Peter Ollerton replaced himself with Ron McIvor and brought on Claude Lucceschi for Alan Whittle.

Lucceschi, Doug Brown and Robert Cullen proved to be

Bravo Hellas, bravo Marconi

Marconi 1 SM-Hellas 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 2745.
Referee: D. Campbell 9.
Scorers: Buljevic 42, Krnicic 49.

Cautions: Nil.
MARCONI: A. Maher 7, P.
Dwyer 7, T. Henderson 6, I.
Prakalo 7, G. Byrne 8, P.
Sharne 7, (Ian Hunter 45), T.
B. Mariani 9, S. Johnson 7, D.
Tomasic 7, E. Krnicic 8, M.
Jankovic 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: P.
Laumonts 7, V. Bannon 7, S.
Blair 7, B. Lutton 7, A. Xanthopoulos 7, B. Rogers 8, J. Stevenson 7, S. Woodin 6, J.
Shirra 7, A. Evans 7, B. Buljevic 8.

For a match that had no bearing on the final outcome of the competition, both teams deserved high praise for the excellent show which they produced.

Marconi obviously was keen to do well before its home crowd after such a poor season and probably had a little more incentive than South Melbourne Hellas. This does not



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 9

take anything away from Hellas, but it does reflect somewhat which team had the better of play.

Both sides opened at a fast pace which obviously could not be maintained for the full 90 minutes given the warm conditions. We therefore saw 70 minutes of champagne soccer, followed by a final 20 minutes of second gear stuff — says lot for summer soccer.

The first real sign of the match came in the 12' when Steve Woodin ran infield from the right flank and let

one go from about the edge of the area. It was a booming effort and although Alan Maher had it well covered it looked as though it was going to break him in half. A minute later Hellas had another chance when Jim Shirra sent a cross to an unmarked Branko Buljevic. To Buljevic's sorrow it was inches too high so an open goal was wasted.

At this time Marconi had been having trouble with the play but finally but it had been doing very little in the way of creating chances. The two South Melbourne near misses however stirred Marconi into life and in the 17' Eddie Krnicic let loose with a brilliant angled shot from the right after Gary Byrne had placed him in the clear with an immaculate ball. Peter Laumonts was equal to the task and pulled off an equally brilliant save.

Only minutes later Marconi had further chances. Stuart Johnson pushed one just past the post, then Sharne put one over the bar.

South Melbourne however always looked dangerous on the break and John Stevenson came very close when he cracked one into the bar from 25 metres out.

This attack and counter attack strategy predominated for the remainder of the first half. Marconi had numerous chances but as for most of the season they couldn't find the net and it was left to Hellas to show how it was done. It came in the 42' when Woodin dispossessed a defender and pushed the ball to an onrushing Buljevic who was unopposed and charged into the area to neatly slot the ball past a lonely Alan Maher.

The half time score line read 1 : 0 to South Melbourne but you wondered what it would have been if Marconi hadn't forgotten how to score.

After the break Peter Sharne was replaced by Ian Hunter who immediately made his presence felt and was involved in a chance in the 49' and then in Marconi's equaliser in the 49'. It came from a long ball into the area which Krnicic headed down to Hunter who coolly tapped it back in for Krnicic to chip into the net.

They deserved — or more correctly Ian Purdie deserved to have scored with a great second half shot that Wilson fingertipped onto the post and then, a split-second later, was once more on hand to save Ian Gibson's ground shot.

Canberra won, Preston lost, yet they gave the 3142 fans a thoroughly entertaining and exciting last game of the season.

It was one to remember and reflect.

For Canberra's players \$1750 good reasons to be sad.

MATCH RATING: 9

live wire forwards in that second half.

They combined for several early moments that cut swathes through Canberra's defense. Twice when Robert Cullen was away and clear and twice Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski was on hand to save.

Hoszowski was to excel even more at the 79th minute mark.

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Sydney City celebrates with a goal spree

Sydney City 5
Adel. City 3



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 8

In stating this I think that I must be fair when I say that the official crowd announced left much to the imagination.

But back to the soccer and the Slickers proved that they are worthy champions.

Their first team squad is strong and there is great depth.

Coach Eddie Thomson has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is a true professional and a man who knows what this game of soccer is all about.

Towin two PSL championships in your first two seasons as coach surely must be a record, and a proud one at that.

Eddie Thomson must be Australia's soccer Coach of the Year.

But of course the leadership and example for any team must come from the top and in the Slickers' director Andrew Lederer, City has the best.

This man's record is second to none and here is an administrator who's achievements are on the board and it is a record that nothing can be taken away from.

All eyes were on Adelaide's David Mitchell in this game.

It is no secret that the Slickers would like to add this youngster to their already powerful squad.

In this game Mitchell showed that he has immense talent but found the going hard against the quick-tackling Sliders.

However in a better team and with more experience under his belt he is surely a young champion of the future.

This was the perfect game to end the season on.

Plenty of excitement, plenty of goals and fast open football.

Once again congratulations to the Slickers - Australia's top club soccer side.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:
Clarke 8 - Mullen 6, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Cant 7 - Spanos 7 (Lee 70th), Barnes 7, Souness 9 (Patikas 76th) - Watson 8, Kosmina 7, Boden 7.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: Przybelski 6 (Perrison 6, 60th) - Russell 6, Jones 7, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 7 - Dods 6, Marocchi 7, Meita 8 - Signore 7, Mitchell 7, J. Nyskohus 7.

The 1981 PSL champions, Sydney City Hakoah, celebrated its title win in front of its home supporters in carnival style.

The Slickers went for broke from the start, with an unpositive attitude, and attack attack was the order of the day.

The result was that five goals were scored in the opening 17 minutes.

The brilliant Ian Souness showed the way when he rated one home in typical Souness fashion in 30 seconds.

This started the goal glut and with the Slickers in a mood where they did not care if they lost a goal to get two, it was champagne soccer.

Following the great Souness effort, Sergio Meita, David Mitchell, Souness again from a penalty and Murray Barnes all netted to make the score 3-2 at the interval.

More was to come in the second half and Kevin Mullen, David Jones and Jim Patikas all got their names on the scoresheet.

This was entertaining stuff and goals are what soccer is all about.

It's only a great pity that there was not a big crowd in attendance to witness this entertainment.

But with the weather brilliant, the Sydney beaches were packed and surely this is a pointer to the advocates of summer soccer. When the weather is hot in the NSW the place the sports fans want to be is in a football stadium.

COLE IS KING AGAIN

**Heidelberg 1
APIA 0**

**Crowd: 2000.
Referee: C. Bambridge
(Vic.) 7.**

Cautions: Oliver, Skellern.

Heidelberg finished the season on a winning note to underline the tremendous revival it has undergone since the return of Len McKendry in June.

The team's record under him reads eight wins, four draws and three defeats and that lifted the club from a relegation candidate to a comfortable midtable position.

McKendry now will go to



The State Minister of Ethnic Affairs, Immigration and Housing, Mr Jeff Kennett was guest of honor at a recent South Melbourne Hellas home match. Mr Kennett (left) is pictured with Hellas president Sam Papasavas.

Honeyman and Topaz lift West

**West Adel. 1
Brisb. City 1**

Scorers: P. Wilkinson (Bris. City) 26th min.; Forde (West) 76th.

Cautions: Hamilton.

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 1500.

Referee: Jim Rossie 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 - Maricic 8, Forde 8, Topaz 8, McGehee 7, Wright 8 - Smythe 6, Stefanopoulos 6 (Kowalski 7), Lorenzoni 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 - Caldwell 7, Dunn 8, Retcliffe 7, B. Wilkinson 7 - Gaffney 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7 - Kelso 8, P. Wilkinson 7, Conner 7.

West Adelade, written off as the impossible Philips Cup winners last week after its poor performance against Brisbane Lions, is back in the reckoning after a vigorous effort against Lions' cousins, Brisbane City.

With Graham Honeyman and Shraga Topaz back after suspension, West showed some glimpses of class, particularly in the second half.

Indeed, it could have turned a first half deficit into a last minute win if Zoran Maricic's booming 35 metre rocket had not hit the cross bar.

Twelve minutes earlier West had capitalised when Jimmy Wright found Topaz in the middle where Tom Forde jumped up with a host of other players to get the decisive goal.

Though the goal had an element of luck about it, West deserved the equaliser because it had earlier been dogged with bad luck in front of goal.

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Twice Peter Kowalski, a second half substitute, had blown chances with the City defence in disarray.

And if that was not bad enough referee Jim Rossie had disallowed a "goal" one minute before City scored in the first half.

Vic Smythe struck a firm shot in to the far corner but goalkeeper Jim Wishart moved off his line, preventing a West Adelaide player offside although a defender was on the goal line.

But Brisbane City had its chances too, Kelso and Wilkinson formed an effective attack and gave West many problems.

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Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1. (1) Sydney City Hakoah	11	4	37	14	8	1	6	22	16
2. (2) Stk Melbourne Hellas	11	2	25	10	2	11	2	16	17
3. (3) Brisbane City	9	4	24	9	3	7	5	13	16
4. (4) APIA-Leichhardt	7	7	1	25	13	5	4	6	14
5. (7) Canberra City	7	4	27	17	6	3	6	14	15
6. (5) Brisbane Lions	9	4	1	23	9	2	7	18	24
7. (6) Adelaide City Juventus	9	2	4	22	13	4	4	7	24
8. (9) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	4	5	19	16	6	3	6	29
9. (8) Sydney Olympic	8	5	2	25	17	3	4	8	21
10. (10) Newcastle KB United	5	5	5	25	17	6	3	6	16
11. (11) Wollongong	5	7	3	24	20	3	5	7	11
12. (12) Preston Makedonia	7	4	4	28	14	2	3	10	11
13. (13) Footscray JUST	7	5	3	21	14	2	2	11	11
14. (14) Marconi-Datsun	6	3	6	16	20	3	4	8	7
15. (15) Blacktown City	4	4	8	18	25	2	5	7	14
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas	4	3	8	16	23	1	1	13	10
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TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

DANDO (2)
(Newcastle)

CURRAN (1)
(Newcastle) MARIANI (2)
(Marconi) TOPAZ (2)
(West Adel) MARICIC (1)
(West Adel)

MELTA (2)
(Adel City) SOUNESS (4)
(Syd. City) O'DONNELL (1)
(Blacktown)

REDFERN (1)
(Syd. Olympic) HEYS (1)
(Newcastle) BULJEVIC (5)
(SM-Hellas)

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Day 6 Saturday - SPLIT/DUBROVNIK.

Day 7 Sunday - DUBROVNIK.

Day 8 Monday - DUBROVNIK.

Day 9 Tuesday - DUBROVNIK/MOSTAR.

Day 10 Wednesday - MOSTAR/SARAJEVO.

Day 11 Thursday - SARAJEVO/BELGRADE.

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Day 4 Thursday - DUBROVNIK. Transfer to Split by fast ferry later at 10.00 a.m. for a relaxing day on the island. The sunsets are superb.

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Heys) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Dando (N), 5. Heys (N), 4. Kondoros (JUST), 3. Curran (N), 2. Milne (JUST), 1. O'Reilly (JUST).

CANBERRA CITY ? (Gibson) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Winkles:

6. Hoszowski (Can), 5. Wilson (Mak), 4. T. Byrne (Can), 3. Cullen (Mak), 2. Boyle (Mak), 1. Purdie (Can).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Forde) BRISBANE CITY 1 (P. Wilkinson) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Maricic (WAI), 5. Topaz (WAI), 4. Fordo (WA), 3. P. Wilkinson (BC), 2. Crook (WA), 1. Wilson (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Turner) at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. O'Donnell (Black), 5. Burns (BL), 4. Burrows (Black), 3. Wilson (BL), 2. Krstic (Black), 1. Ferrie (BL).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) APIA-LEICHARDT 0 at Olympic Park. Votes by Dick Prendergast:

6. Woodhouse (APIA), 5. Campbell (B'berg), 4. Morello (APIA), 3. Selamidis (B'berg), 2. O'Connor (APIA), 1. Wilson (APIA).

MARCONI 1 (Krnecvic) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Buljevic) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Mariani (Marc), 5. Buljevic (Hellen), 4. Krnecvic (Marc),

5. Vardareff (W), 5. Hedfern (SO), 4. Tredinnick (W), 3. Scott (SO), 2. Ainsworth (W), 1. Raskopoulos (SO).

APIA-LEICHARDT 1 (Soper) MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Mariani) at Lambert Park. (mid-week). Votes by Roger Shearock:

6. Mariani (Marc), 5. Butler (APIA), 4. Kafica (APIA), 3. Soper (APIA), 2. Wilson (APIA), 1. Woodhouse (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 5 (Souness 2, Barnes, Mullen, Patikas) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3 (Metla, Mitchell, Jones) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Souness (SC), 5. Metla (AC), 4. Watson (SC), 3. B. Nykiash (AC), 2. Kosmina (SC), 1. Mullen (SC).

How the leaders finished:

6. Hoskisson (BL), 7. Mitchell (AC), 7. Wilson (AC).

72. Ysendoom (H'berg), 7. Byrne (Can), 68. Crook (WA), 67. Bennett (BL), Woodhouse (APIA), 64. Dunleavy (Woll).

61. Boland (JUST), 60. Evans (SM-Helles).

Top scorers:

16. Cole (H'berg), 14. Evans (SM-Helles), 13. Souness (SC), Soper (APIA).

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LOU DENYS: Goalkeeper. Established a new State League record of 100 consecutive league appearances. He has not missed a league match since joining the club from St Albans in April 1977.



GORDON WALLACE: Striker. Signed on a free transfer from Scottish Second Division club Cowdenbeath earlier this year. The complete footballer with excellent close ball skills and reads the game well. Unlucky to be hit by injury but sure to bounce back. Age 32.



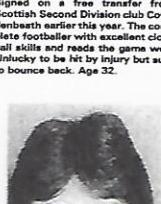
DAVID HOGBEN: Utility. Third season in senior soccer after breaking into the first team in August 79. A tight marker, David is also a keen over-taker who is bound to benefit from playing alongside John Gardiner. Age 19.



GUS MCLEOD: Striker. Has already proved his worth by top scoring in the Ampol Cup and securing the winning goal in the final. Was sought by Bobby McLachlan after nearing a century of goals in Scottish non-league soccer with leading club Pollok. Prior to that served St Mirren, Hamilton and Warwick Rangers, during a period of eight years. Age 30.



STUART CANNELL: Centre back. Signed from Celtic City for \$2000 in June '79. Came to Australia in June '79 after playing for Doncaster Rovers in English 4th Division. Age 21.



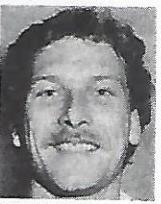
JIM WILLIAMS: Midfielder. \$4000 from Heidelberg. Jim came from South Liverpool to play for Slavia. He was in the Slavia side which lost to us in the Ampol Cup final in 1979. Age 27.



GERRY BENNETT: Fullback. Came to Gully at the same time as Billy Morrey last year. A tireless worker who contributed greatly to the club's league success and Ampol Cup win. Age 22.



LINO GRECH: Goalkeeper. A product of Ajax's junior policy. Small but agile with razor sharp reflexes. Age 19.



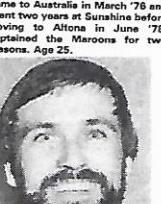
KEVIN WALL: Striker. Came up through the juniors at Frankton Pines and was an instant hit in his first season. Scored 10 goals in 1980 ending up as Frankton City's top scorer with 12 goals in 20 league games. Was chased by five clubs after being awarded a free transfer.



ALAN BENNETT: Midfielder. Another of Ajax's UK imports. Signed on from former Scottish club East Stirling. Hard working with good disposal. Age 25.



KIT GRECHAN: Midfielder. Signed on from Western Suburbs. The first division club got \$1500 in cash and Billy Voyle as player-coach in exchange. Came to Australia in 1977 after playing for Celtic's reserves and Peterhead in Scotland. Age 25.



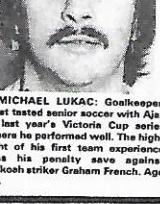
PETER LEWIS: Fullback. Signed from Altona for a bargain \$1000. Came to Australia in June '79 and spent two years at Sunshine before moving to Altona in June '79. Captained the Maroons for two seasons. Age 25.



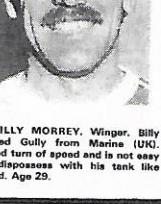
JOHN GARDINER: Signed for \$5000 in February from Croatia which he led to league and cup honours. Spent 8 months with Hellas in the PSL in 1977. Previously won two Rothmans Medals at George Cross. Age 33.



PAUL LEWIS: Striker. A real individual who shapes up as a top-class player. Tremendous shot and great speed. Signed from English non-league outfit Oswestry Town this year. Age 33.



MICHAEL LUKAC: Goalkeeper. First tested in senior soccer with us in last year's Victoria Cup series where he performed well. The highlight of his first team experience was his penalty save against Hakoah striker Graham French. Age 20.



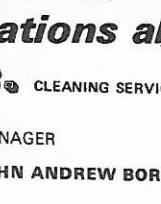
BILLY MORREY: Winger. UK joined Gully from Marine (UK). Good turn of speed and is not easy to dispossess with his tenk like build. Age 29.



WILLIE VASSALLO: Midfielder. The only player apart from Lou Denys who played in both Ampol Cup finals. First brought over on a two year loan from Floriana in Malta. Scored 10 goals in our debut last season for \$2000. Formerly the captain of both Floriana and the Maltese national team. Age 30.



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Profit on transfers

Ajax signed 10 players for the 1981 season and transferred eight of last year's squad. In terms of transfer fees alone this staggering turnover implying club found Ajax better off financially to the tune of \$7,400! The figures below don't take into account air fares for players signed from overseas and signing-on fees.

TRANSFERRED	TO	FEE
Jimmy Dunne	Brisbane City	\$10,000
Billy Voyle	Western Suburbs	\$1,000
Steve Bennie	Springvale	\$3,000
John Patten	Springvale	\$1,000
Andrew Segi	Western Suburbs	\$1,500
Dave Perkins	Morwell Falcons	\$3,000
Grant Smart	Morwell Falcons	\$2,000
Steve Crilly	Worribee	\$800
	TOTAL	\$22,300

SIGNED	FROM	FEE
John Gardiner	Essendon Croatia	\$5,000
Kevan Wall	Frankston City	Free
Peter Lewis	Altona	\$1,000
Paul Lewis	Oswestry Town U.K.	Free
Stuart Cannell	Altona	\$2,000
Jim Williams	Heidelberg United	\$4,000
Kit Grechan	Western Suburbs	\$2,500
Alan Bennett	East Stirling, U.K.	Free
Gordon Wallace	Cowdenbeath, U.K.	Free
Gus Macleod	Pollok, U.K.	\$400
	TOTAL	\$14,900

then I expect at least \$4000 worth out on the park.

It's become a real rat race here buying a player on the local market and I think that's got a lot to do with the lack of business-minded people running clubs. Ajax is fortunate to have someone as fair and as strict as Guy Spiteri as its president and a shrewd treasurer like Arnold Langer.

I'm indebted to Guy for chasing me about two years ago. When I first drove into the ground to talk to him about the job as manager-coach I thought I'd driven into the club's morgue. Now the club is alive and there's great atmosphere there.

But players who come here soon become wiser in their dealings with clubs. Sure, some of them get a rough deal and the next contract they sign has special clauses in it protecting their interests.

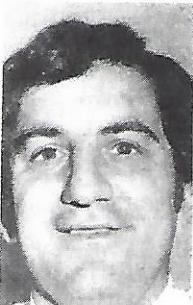
Some of the Ajax players have maximum transfer fees stipulated in their contracts but there's no way that the club will lose on the deal. If the player costs \$4000 then he'll go for \$4000. The signing-on fee is the player's business. I regard signing-on fees and playing wages as the player's payment for doing a job for the club and if I pay \$4000 for a player

We thought winning the championship would be a three-year job but we've done it a year ahead of schedule so what do we do now? Do we stay in the State League and try to win the title again or do we tackle a new venture? That's what the club must decide.

You have to be motivated yourself in order to motivate others and Green Gully Ajax probably needs a new challenge.

I'm not on a written contract with the club. I work on the basis of mutual trust and respect and these values go hand in hand with many aspects of Green Gully Ajax.

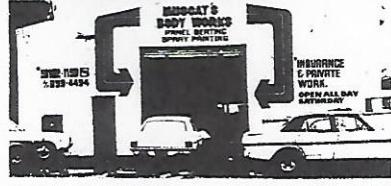
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McLACHLAN CALLS THE SHOTS

So much for all the talk about John Gardiner and Bobby McLachlan cutting each other's throats.

That's what went around Melbourne's soccer traps when Gardiner transferred to Green Gully Ajax from Essendon Croatia earlier this year.

Well, McLachlan's still king pin:

at Ajax and likely to be for another few years while Gardiner's soccer brain plays an integral role in the club's onfield success.

Maybe both should be used in their best capacities — McLach-

lan as manager, Gardiner as coach.

That's the sort of set-up you find at top level professional clubs overseas.

I've got no doubts that the shrewd McLachlan's wheeling and dealing for players to revamp the club's first team squad has played the most significant role in Ajax's State League championship win, Ampol Cup triumph and ongoing quest for Dockey and State League Cup victories.

Simply put, McLachlan bought the right players, and that's no mean feat. Libel laws won't allow me to name some of the duds that have come from overseas. Also, there's not enough space to mention them all!

The inflated local market sent the astute McLachlan searching for overseas talent. And what a successful search he made. Look at Gus Macleod for example.

McLachlan paid Pollok, Macleod's Scottish club, about \$400 for the services of a man who tops the State League goalscoring list and has added character and leadership qualities to Ajax's first team as well as his nose for goal.

Gordon Wallace has class written all over him. He's been linked with injuries so should see him at his best next season while midfielder Alan Bennett looks likely to figure in Ajax's plans for some time to come.

Then there's Paul Lewis. We haven't seen the best of him yet. He's young and skilful and I expect him to be a regular in Ajax colors next year.

So what if some people are saying that Ajax merely bought success? That's sour grapes. What such a comment really means is that those people wish their club had the vision and application of Ajax's managerial and administrative staff so that they too had been successful in 1981.

Victoria's western suburbs are crying out for a club which performs at the highest level in the land. That means PSL competition and that's exactly where Ajax's destiny lies.

Imagining what sort of following you could get by setting alight the soccer crazed public of the western suburbs!

And that's what Ajax is out to do — to bring that area to life.

Well done Ajax. You deserve to stand tall as the 1981 State League champion club, the first time that such a title has been conferred upon you with the promise of more such accolades in the future.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

With the exception of Socceroo honors, Ajax sweeper John Gardiner is the most highly successful player in the State League.

Two Rothmans Medals, State League championships, Ampol, Dockey and State League cups and a host of other awards all have gone to Gardiner who joined Ajax earlier this year after a five-year stint with Essendon Croatia.

He is an astute student of the game and recently was elevated to the level of a full ASFC staff coach.

Gardiner arrived in Australia in the late 60's and played with George Cross until late 1976 when he joined Croatia, then Essendon Lions, in the first Division of the Metropolitan League.

"I look for a club which is on the move and has enormous potential for success. Some people at George Cross thought that joining Croatia would be the end of me because I had dropped down a league but they didn't realise the club's potential," said Gardiner.

"Green Gully also had great potential and I thought that I could do a job for the club. Really Green Gully's progress has been enormous. The club now buys better players and you certainly can't complain about the wages."

"I'd like to play next year but you can't go on for ever. I'm 34 now but I know I still have a lot to offer."

"I'd like to think that I could play PSL soccer. In fact it's unfortunate that I'm not still playing with Hellenic."

Gardiner had a stint with Hellenic in 1977 but it wasn't a successful period for him.

"No coach ever wanted to get rid of me. All of my problems have stemmed from committees and I've been stabbed in the back a few times."

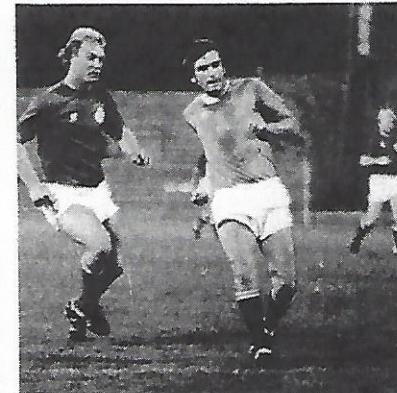
"I didn't know too much about Green Gully when I joined and I hoped that the club would be able to win the league. The main opposition came from Croatia but coaching changes and committee upheavals upset its players and affected their performances."

"Green Gully's had a good year as a club and I've had a good year as a player. Playing skill is first and foremost on my mind but I'm very interested in coaching as well."

"Bobby (McLachlan) and I discussed a lot of things this year about the playing side and we sometimes differed but we always respected those differences to ourselves. Whenever we disagreed the final decision always fell to Bobby. He had to decide what to do himself."

Gardiner's on a one-year contract with Ajax which expires on November 30. There's no option for Ajax to take up but it's a safe bet to say that the club's hierarchy will try to lure Gardiner into another contract.

Like many members of Victoria's western suburbs, the public trust at Green Gully Ajax knows that Gardiner is capable of doing a good job for the club in 1982.



• John Gardiner clears in front of Carl Gilder of Croatia



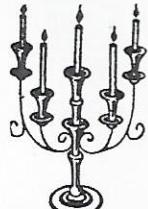
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CLUB BOSS HITS OUT

LAURIE SCHWAB interviews Green-Gully Ajax's dynamic president Guy Spiteri.



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dwindling crowds: Change State League, stop growth

AB: While you bask in the glory of a saved title win, let's look at the plight of most other federation clubs find us. Isn't it true that in terms of attendance, soccer is on the slide?

I: We simply do not have the population in Victoria, but in all States — to a huge number of clubs. In Victoria we have lots of registered players and we make about so many junior playing the game, could make an about face and get people to soccer, not necessarily play it. At the moment from countless leagues and divisions competition with each other. Victoria has 50,000 people with some appreciation of it. We have more soccer teams per capita than which has 80 million people.

SF Board of Management has a lot of difficulty in being able to direct affiliated leagues to in cohesion with the State and Metropolitan Leagues, and it should do so. If we sat and said OK, the State League is the No. 1 and the only one that should play on afternoons, then any other league that plays at that time should be ordered to That means District League, under 19s to have their games on Saturday morning example, leaving the Metropolitan League use of Saturday afternoon. And the League should play during working at lunch times during the week, as a keep

fit pastime approved by the employers. The unions should look into that. It happens in other countries.

I: I lay the blame for the excessive proliferation of clubs at the feet of the VSF. Sixty member clubs would have been enough. People who want to play soccer should go to a local club and join it, not form a new one. There's nothing to stop Green Gully, for example, forming a fourths' team or a social team to cater for such people. It would aid the club's growth and from among the newcomers, we would get new supporters or even administrators.

The junior club West United, down the road in St. Albans should never have been allowed to form. Those people could have gone to Green Gully, St. Albans or North Sunshine — all established clubs. That's one reason why the Federation's strength is dissipated. It's OK to start new clubs in untaught areas, but not in suburbs that already have a soccer network. Look what's happened to South Yarra and Brighton. They're two of Victoria's oldest clubs yet they have lost the strength they once had because so many clubs have sprung up around them.

I will move at the VSF general meeting that no more soccer clubs should be admitted to the VSF unless they are in untaught areas.

SCHWAB: Surely that alone is not enough. If, as you say, the State League is to be trans-

formed into a well-supported competition, shouldn't you throw it open to the most suitable clubs, and then start from scratch?

SPITERI: I've been saying for the four years that we've been in the State League, that it should be thrown open and that if Green Gully is found to be unsuitable, then we should be kicked out. I believe there are clubs in the State League that do nothing to enhance it on or off the field. In putting together a new league, we would look at financial stability, spectator facilities, and crowd support and by those criteria, I believe Frankston Pines, Bell Park, Fawkner and Morell Falcons would get in.

SCHWAB: In the case of Ajax, one way to increase crowds would be to have a team of more diversified nationalities — a team that would be more representative of the many nationalities in the St. Albans area.

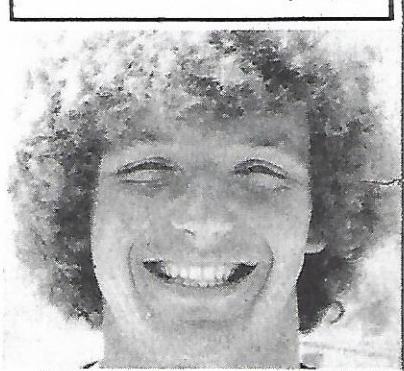
SPITERI: Sure, we'd pick up more people that way. However, while our team is predominantly British, we do have Willie Vassallo from Malta, and locals Dave Hobgen and Lou Denys, and we hope to bring up more local players in coming seasons. While it would be nice to have a Croatian, a Greek, a Yugoslav, a German, etc., the international players are very expensive and you also encounter the language difficulty. In the long term, though, I think you have to get the crowd used to coming along simply to watch good soccer, rather than just to watch a player of their own nationality.

FULL NAME:
Stuart Graham Cannell
BIRTHDATE:
31st December, 1958.
BIRTHPLACE:
Doncaster (England).
MARRIED:
No.
HEIGHT:
1.90 Metres.
OCCUPATION:
Jack of all trades, Master of None (Part-time Giggle).

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Doncaster Rovers (England), Altona City.
HOBBIES:
Listening to music, watching good films. Sex! Watching soccer on Tele.

LIKES:
Playing soccer, eating good food.
DISLIKES:
Bad referees. Travelling long distances.
FAVOURITE PLAYER:
Diego Manandona, Glen Hodde.
FAVOURITE TEAM:
Doncaster Rovers.
BIGGEST DREAM:
Leaving Doncaster Rovers when Billy Bremmer came.
MOST ADMIRERED SPORTSMAN:
Muhammed Ali.
IMMEDIATE AMBITION:
To win everything this year.
REGRETS:
Coming to Australia (it's too far from home).
HARDEST OPPONENT:
Stan Cumming (Sunderland).

FAVOURITE POSITION:
Centre Half.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Reg. Hosp.
BIGGEST THRILL:
Making league debut against Barnsley Local Derby and beating Grimsby 4-3 in my last game at Doncaster.



national league: Regions best, Summer to fail

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VAB: Many people, including me, would be best for the national competition if we were regionalised north and south do you think?

I: I'm all for regionalisation. Travelling rising all the time, so regionalisation, with a season play-offs is the logical solution. The I've seen on TV was the Preston v City game when a packed ground didn't sing noise as Sydney City scored its two first kind of atmosphere is that? And if it was as packed against Sydney City, how many old there have been against a local side? We'd also have Adelaide and perhaps teams in our region, but supporters would sort of distance — especially to Adelaide — whereas they wouldn't go to Brisbane. But the overriding reality is that could rise because of a greater degree of interest in the game. I think that's how the Philips Cup final. We're going to have Lone playing against West Adelaide. That does nothing for soccer. Not even could get a crowd for that one.

I: It was a novelty when it started in 1977 and now want to see Canberra and then because, as new clubs, they too were

novelties. Then the novelty wears off the league and the new clubs, and the crowds fell away. And it's the crowd that buys your pies and drinks and ice creams and gives you the money to keep going.

SCHWAB: I agree there must be a change, but while we support regionalisation, the national league sees summer soccer as the answer. Do you think summer soccer will succeed?

SPITERI: Wisely, they've given it 12 months before implementing it. In that time they could iron out all the bugs, or decide not to go ahead with it. They decided on summer soccer because they were doing badly and they thought they had nothing to lose. I wonder if that is true, however. Australians are outdoor people, who probably will find better things to do on summer evenings than going to the soccer. I think there's a better chance of filling the terraces in winter, providing you can offer comfort and under cover, they'll come in the winter. Summer soccer would not be necessary.

I also doubt the argument that a percentage of supporters from other clubs would go to see Hellas, for example, during the summer season. I think that percentage would be negligible. It is club loyalty that determines support.

The national league clubs could very well lose

out. Beaches, golf courses, swimming pools are jam-packed on summer evenings.

Getting back to facilities, what could Hellas have done with the money it spent on Steve Wozniak, one or two other players. In terms of profit, building a stadium on the side of Middle Park? What is J.U.S.T. — I've heard so many stories but I haven't seen anything happening. If the fans sit in comfort and under cover, they'll come in the winter. Summer soccer would not be necessary.

SCHWAB: Gladiators, Gunners, Leopards, Raiders, Rams and the other nicknames will of course add several thousands to the gates in 1982...

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the club: Full Liquor licence in 1982?

AB: You often have said that the for the top — and that means the segue, whatever form it may take, your plans for improvements in if you are not elevated immediately?

I: We're pressing on regardless. We've a full liquor licence, we've done all the paperwork and we hope to have it next would make us the third Victorian club, in Rovers and Makedonia, with a full ILI.

We spend about \$5000 on doubling our pitch, which will make it suitable for night racing also will go ahead, at least goal. We also want terracing on the far pitch, but to do that properly, the back have to be diverted. We're waiting for a on the Keller Council about that. The would be three metres high, and so it's the problem of people staying out-watching the game for nothing. We're also the top of the dugout pits at the back here, giving us a total of four pitches. Only Numawading City and Frankston boast a similar number.

We have an excellent advertising manager in Charlie Darmanin who has managed to get about \$10,000 in ground signs, our calendar and advertising in our "Gully Gazette" but what I'm talking about is packaging the club as an attractive proposition for the really big companies.

In the western suburbs nine out of 10 people are into soccer in some form or another. There are more than 600,000 people in St. Albans alone. You can talk to most people in the west about Green Gully and they'll know where it is and what you're talking about. Then we have the large land developers who make use of the fact that their subdivisions are close to recreational facilities — 100 acres of parkland at Green Gully. If we had the right men, he could sell our package to AV Jennings, Hooker Rex or the Bond Corporation, for example, or perhaps to some of the really big stores in St. Albans.

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I: Well, we've applied for extensions to of Gus MacLeod, Gordon Wallace and Iett, but apart from that, we haven't made

any decisions. The club has grown to such an extent under coach Bobby McLachlan that we can pick and choose. One of the things for which I'll always be grateful to Bobby is that we no longer buy a player just because he's available. We now take the ones we need, and we are strong enough to drop the ones we no longer can use.

SCHWAB: There were some moves early this year to sign a player in the "super-star" class. Will you try again next year?

SPITERI: We could have had Martin Chiwers or Martin Peters this year but they would have been expensive and unfortunately we do not have a good promotions man who can sell the club, get the necessary sponsors and ensure that we get crowds justify the expense.

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Yugoslavs, Scots advance

Scotland beat Sweden 2-0 to move impressively towards a starring role in the World Cup soccer finals in Spain next year.

Goals from exile Joe Jordan, who plays for Italian club A C Milan, and Nottingham Forest's John Robertson from a penalty, left the Scots comfortably placed at the top of European Group Six.

But England's hopes of joining them to Spain nosedived with a 2-1 defeat by Norway in Oslo.

England, which has not qualified for the final stages on merit since 1962 — it contested the 1970 finals as holder after winning the trophy on home territory four years earlier — looks like missing out to Romania and Hungary in Group Four.

A night of memorable goals and thrilling matches ended with Belgium becoming the first European nation to qualify for the cup finals.

The Belgians, runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 European championship, beat France 2-0 in Brussels to join host country Spain, the holder Argentina, and Brazil, Chile and Peru in the play-offs.

Results (all European qualifying ties):

GROUP TWO: Belgium 2, France 0; Netherlands 2, Ireland 2.

GROUP THREE: Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0; Iceland 2, Turkey 0.

GROUP FOUR: Norway 2, England 1.

GROUP FIVE: Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2.

GROUP SIX: Scotland 2, Sweden 0.

GROUP TWO:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	7	5	1	1	12	6	11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	7	3	2	2	14	9	8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	6	3	1	2	7	4	7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	5	3	0	2	12	5	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cyprus	7	0	0	7	4	25	0

GROUP FOUR:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	2	2	1	4	3	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	7	2	2	3	7	11	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	4	2	1	1	6	5	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	5	1	2	2	7	8	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	5	1	2	2	7	8	4

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	6	4	1	1	10	2	9
Czechoslovakia	5	4	0	1	13	2	8
Soviet Union	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Iceland	5	2	0	3	6	12	4
Turkey	6	0	0	6	1	15	0

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	2	2	1	4	8	7
Romania	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Norway	7	2	2	3	7	11	6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Switzerland	5	1	2	2	7	8	4

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Italy	5	4	0	1	9	3	8
Denmark	7	3	0	4	11	9	6
Greece	5	3	0	2	6	7	6
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	6	4	2	0	8	2	10
Nth Ireland	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Sweden	7	2	2	3	5	7	6
Portugal	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3



* The smiling faces of Abbotsford Tassa's players tell the story of their cup triumph. Back row, left to right: George Wallace (VSF secretary), Geoff Pegg (District League chairman), Mahmoud Elahmed, Ahmed Dib, Mahmoud Faour, Magdi Gergis (Coach), Jimmy Mallouk, Peter Papadinas, Jamal Roma, Ahmed Wannous, Ahmed Abdou (team manager), Mohammed Abdulrahman (publicity officer). Front row: Mohamed Hayek, Abdulrahem Jaza, Ahmed Assad (captain), Bassam Saleh, Ahmed Mehrez, Youssef Elmohammed, Fawaz Ayoubi.

Racing toward bankruptcy

One of Argentina's most historic clubs, Racing, is once again in dire financial straits.

So much so that the squad recently walked out of the team's hotel on the eve of an important match because they still hadn't received any wages since April.

The directors' answer was amazing — they fined all the players 20 per cent of their earnings! The move was obviously illegal — at least according to the Argentine regulations — and three players who've been suspended by the club are taking legal action to recover their 'missing' cash.

Japanese companies are taking a stranglehold on English First Division sponsorships. Of the 12 now sponsored six have Japanese backing: Arsenal (JVC) Ipswich (Pioneer), Liverpool (Hitachi), Stoke City (Ricoh), Middlesbrough (Datsun) and Nottingham Forest (Pors).

Chelsea skipper and goalkeeper Peter Borota has resolved his contract problem with the Pensioners and his former club Partizan Belgrade. Originally Borota was due to return to Partizan after his three year contract was up unless Chelsea paid an additional \$140,000.

Libero role finished — Franz

While everyone looks for a "Libero" à la Franz Beckenbauer, the "Kaiser" himself says that role no longer exists.

In a short interview, the Hamburg star answered questions as follows:

How are you getting on with new coach Ernst Happel?

We've not had enough time around each other to be able to make any comparisons with other coaches, but first impressions are good. He has a way with players. And he's certainly got us working hard. Harder perhaps than Branko Zebec, our last long-term coach, at the same stage of pre-season training."

Will Happel play you as sweeper or in midfield?

"The sweeper role as I used to play it is finished. You're not given the same amount of room now. So I don't mind whether I play as free man in front of the defence or behind. I can read the manager's mind. We'll just have to wait and see how things settle down."

The last couple of years it's been almost a straight fight between Hamburg and Bayern at the top of the table. This season too?

"No, I think it will be harder than ever. There could be five teams all in with an equal chance: Us, Bayern, Kolo, Bochum, Stuttgart. And Eintracht Frankfurt or Kaiserslautern could always spring a few surprises."

Did you have a good summer break?

"Well, two or three weeks isn't long enough. Four weeks at least is what a footballer needs. The problem is that clubs don't always realise how they should look after the players. After all the money they invest in us, it's surprising sometimes how little they consider the long-term view."



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Although the Football League has given the OK for QPR's new Park Rangers' artificial pitch, such approval has yet been given by the FA for cup matches. FA observers are attending all QPR's home games studying the effects of playing on the astro turf and are likely to give their decision before Chelsea is scheduled to play its FA Cup third round tie.

The Wales' World Cup players have been guaranteed a \$1000 split up if they reach the final in Spain. \$40,000 of that cash comes from Adidas with the rest from the spoils of qualifying.

Blossoming out in the Dundee United senior side is 19 year old midfielder Richard Gough who was recruited from South African soccer. It was mainly through the recommendation of Joe Gilroy, the former Dundee player now in Brisbane, who is a close friend of United's manager Jim McLean. Gough represents international class and could be in a pickle. For his mother is Swedish, his father Scottish but he was born in Sweden and grew up in South Africa.

Aston Villa players are reported to have earned \$100,000 each last season when they won the First Division title. That sum includes basic wages, points and other bonuses. In addition they each got a car of their choice and had close season tours in luxury in Europe and America.

Tommy Docherty has suffered a major blow with Preston after the news that his 23 year old Edinburgh born striker has been forced to quit after two major knee operations. Thomson who has been with Preston six years was described by former manager Nobby Stiles as another George Best and will be paid until his contract ends in 1982. The Doc has promised to lay on a testimonial for his benefit.

Glasgow Rangers \$14 million improvement scheme at its Ibrox Stadium incorporates underground heating of the playing pitch.

Norwich City now in the Second Division needs 23,000 spectators to break even in each home game to break even.

From the top to the bottom in just three years is the experience of former Celtic defender Roy Kay who was in Glasgow club's side which played in Singapore and Australia in 1977. Roy is now battling it out with York City who were bottom side in 92nd position of the English Football Leagues last season.

It would be the Italian First Division title last season Juventus played 30 matches and conceded only 35 goals.

Coventry City whose renovations at Highfield Road are almost complete, are the only club in the Football League with an all seater stadium.

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ALTONA: 9 — Whyte; 2 — O'Boyle, Watterson; 1 — McGarrigle, Murphy, Little, Mercer, Jones.

JUVENTUS: 7 — Ristovski; 5 — Incalcaterra; 2 — Cavallari, Heery; 1 — Tarquinio, Sannipoli, Vaccaro, Cunningham.

NORTHCOTE: 12 — Sahindis; 6 — Vasic; 4 — Tsatsos; 3 — Fakos; 2 — Kalafatidis; 1 — Rujic, Nicolaidis, Ariaris, Melas.

HAKOAH: 4 — French; 5 — Jordaniou; 4 — McClunie; 3 — Webster, C. Kent; 1 — Rooney, Denson, Davidson.

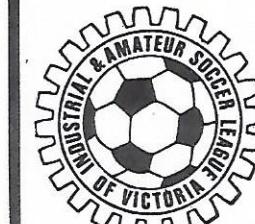
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GEORGE CROSS: 20 — G.



* Abbotsford Tassa's best and fairest player for 1981, Ali Elmohammed, holds aloft the 1981 District League Cup. At left is another of the club's top players, Peter Papadinas.



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The squad which AR Split hopes will bring it victory in the 1981 Black Douglas Cup final. Back row, left to right: M. Dimac, D. Alamic, I. Cesljar, N. Vulic, M. Franjic, Z. Tusek, N. Jugovic, J. Skoblar (president). Front row: S. Bikanic, M. Vlaovic, F. Franjic, N. Cotic, I. Istuk, E. Gajzer, M. Cesljar.



Two more Split stars. At right is Ivan Istuk, midfielder on loan from Essendon Croatia. The other player pictured is Split stalwart Frank Franjic.

Istuk, Cotic top men for Split

Industrial League giant AR Split is out to win the Black Douglas Cup for the second consecutive year.

The final, between Split and Ansett, kicks off at 3 pm on Sunday at Middle Park and will be preceded by the Invitation Cup final at 1 pm between the reserve teams of Middle Park and Clifton Hill YCW.

Split is the more experienced of the finalists in the Black Douglas Cup. The Croatian club is playing in its fourth cup final, while Ansett is in the final for the first time.

Its first Industrial League prize was the Fourth Division championship it won in 1977. The following year Split captured the Third Division title and continued its rise with its Second Division title win in 1979. The club won the First Division championship at its first attempt last year.

Split will rely upon star players Ivan Istuk and Ned Cotic, both ex-Essendon Croatia. Cotic captained Croatia's reserve team for four years before joining Split this year.

Ansett's strength lies with captain-coach Giuseppe Timpano, ex-East Melbourne Helvetic and Essendon Lions, and Granam Hayes, vice-captain and sweeper who is a former Essendon Croatia player and Ansett's Player of the Year in 1976, 77 and 78.

The most renowned player in Sunday's cup final must be Ansett's ageless Frank Loughran, former Victorian and Australian representative. His skill and experience will play a major role in Ansett's ability to win control of midfield.

I still can't see Split being beaten. Sure, anything is possible in the cauldron of a cup final atmosphere but Split looks too accomplished for the airline boys and I expect a second Black Douglas Cup trophy to be held in Split hands by about 5 pm on Sunday. —

CRAIG MACKENZIE



Ned Cotic, ex-Essendon Croatia. One of the players Split hopes will bring it success on Sunday.

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Can Ansett upset the odds and win its first Black Douglas Cup by toppling favorite AR Split in Sunday's final at Middle Park?

It would be a grand occasion for the airline side should it knock off the Croatians and the Black Douglas Cup would give Ansett a fine record of success in a short time.

Ansett was formed in 1967 and played social matches until 1975 when it entered the Industrial and Amateur Soccer League of Victoria, winning promotion to Third Division in its first year of Industrial League competition.

The following year, 1976, Ansett won the Third Division title, repeated the

dose two years later in Second Division and was proclaimed as the best side in the Industrial League in 1979 when it won the First Division championship.

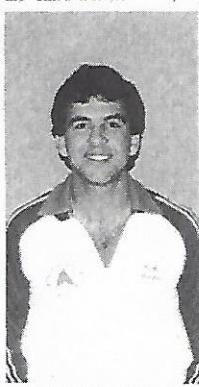
Ansett has experienced Cup success.

It won the Footscray YMCA indoor soccer cup in 1979, the Airlines Cup in 1976, 77 and 78 and was the winner of Coburg's six-a-side competition in 1979 and 1980.

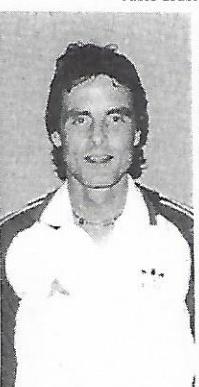
And the club is set to win the First Division this year. If it does, success in Sunday's cup final would give it a memorable double.



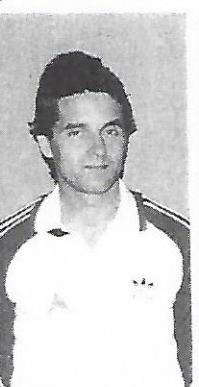
Ansett's first team squad. Back row, left to right: B. Maiolo, F. Loughran, J. Timpano, G. Haynes, S. Power, I. Leaves, F. Kovacek. Front row: G. Power, W. Runciman, D. Carmichael, M. Attard, R. Liberto, J. Shearer, S. Timpano.



MARIO ATTARD: 25, born in Tripoli. Position: goalkeeper with Ansett for seven years. Vic schoolboys rep IASLV rep 1978, 80, 81.



GREG POWER: 33, Position: defender. Previous clubs: Tarax, McCall and Bosch. First year with Ansett.



STEVE POWER: 31, defender. Previous clubs: Tarax, McCall and Bosch. Represented IASLV 17 times.



SANTO TIMPANO: 21. Position: defender. Ex-Essendon Lions, Coburg Rep Vic U15. IASLV 1981.



GRAEME HAYNES: (v/capt), 26. Position: sweeper. Previous clubs: Essendon Croatia, IASLV rep 1981. Ansett Player of Year 1976, 77, 78. Industrial League 2nd Div Player of the Year 1978. One of the longest serving players.



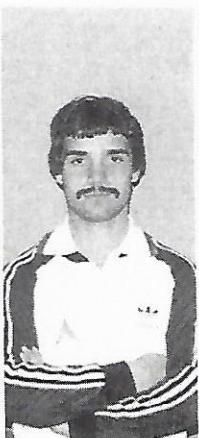
WALTER RUNCIMAN: 30. Born in England. Position: midfield in the first season with Moreland represented both Australia and Victoria. Scored one of Australia's goals in its 2-0 victory over Japan in the 1956 Olympic Games. Until 1975 he played with Coburg.



FRANKIE LOUGHREN: born in Belfast. Position: midfield in the first season with Moreland represented both Australia and Victoria. Scored one of Australia's goals in its 2-0 victory over Japan in the 1956 Olympic Games. Until 1975 he played with Coburg.



IAN LEAVES: 31, Position: midfield. Previous clubs: Makedonia, Essendon, Kellogg City. Honours: Schoolboys country rep, Ansett Player of Year 1979.



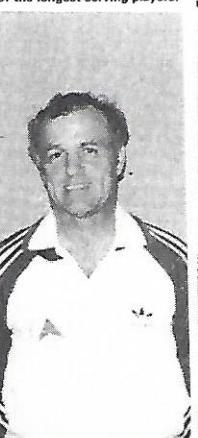
BRUNO MAILO: 24. Position: forward. Previous clubs: Essendon Lions. Honours: IASLV country championships 78-79-80-81. Ansett Player of Year 1980.



FRANK KOVACEK: 31. Position: forward. Previous clubs: Croatia, Tarax player of Year 1980.



RENATO LIBERTO: 16. Position: forward. Previous clubs: Essendon City, Batman United. Rep Vic U17 1977. Industrial country championship 1981.



DUNCAN CARMICHAEL: 47. Position: forward. Ex-Peterborough, also played with Hakooah, Makedonia in Victorian State League.



JIMMY SHEARER: 29. Born in Scotland. Position: defender. Ex-Croatia U16, U18. Joined Ansett in 1975. One of the longest serving members of the club.



GIUSEPPE TIMPANO: 28. Born in Italy. Captain-coach. Previous clubs East Melb-Helvetia 1970-72, Essendon Lions 1973-77. Coached Ansett in 1975-76-77-78-81.

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Soccer in Australia has increased in popularity at a tremendous rate in recent years. Each year more and more junior players, both boys and girls, register with the major soccer football associations in the metropolitan areas. Country associations, too, have become firmly established. In most cases we can expect to see half a million juniors playing soccer throughout Australia. Many schools are not enough to guarantee a high standard of play among the seniors who come up through the junior ranks. A sound knowledge of the basic soccer skills and an understanding of the systems and tactics of the game, acquired at an early age, are essential. This book sets out what the player needs to know about these basic skills. It shows how to play, and shows how he can go about mastering them. Each skill — kicking, trapping, passing and interpassing, heading, tackling, bell control and goalkeeping — is dealt with in turn, and the various ways of performing these skills are described in a few words and illustrated by a drawing. Action photographs of junior and senior matches in pro-

gress are also included to illustrate many of the movements being used in match play. No book can take the place of experience gained through training sessions and match play. It can, however, do a lot to supplement the teaching of a coach, and can be invaluable as a reference for study in spare time and as a guide in practising at home or with friends in the park or playground. Soccer is a fine sport which deserves the attention as the best way to develop sportsmanship and teamwork. Knowing the rules, the skills and the right attitude then not only makes for a better player; it makes the game all the more enjoyable. Author John White has coached with considerable success for some fifteen years. A former coach and vice-president of National Junior Soccer Football Club, and a member of the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches, Director of Gladysville-Hawthorn Football Club Ltd, his book will be invaluable to junior soccer. He is also a qualified masseur and has published *Massage Message for Fitness*.

Falkenmeier and Anthes lead Germans' assault

By PAUL MOON

Having gained the European Youth Championship in June, West Germany will be eager to add the World title during October's Coca-Cola championship.

The Germans won the European crown by defeating Wales (5-0), Belgium (3-2), Greece (1-0), France (5-4) and Poland (1-0).

Under coach Dietrich Weise they produced fast, aggressive and entertaining soccer which captured the imagination of their home fans.

20,000 spectators watched the Germans in their five games, including 56,000 at the final.

Weise, 46, and his team became national heroes overnight, for this was young Germany's first success, earned at the 29th attempt!

Rolf Falkenmeier and Holgar Anthes were acclaimed by the press as the two stars of the tournament.

Falkenmeier, superb on the left side of midfield, always looked dangerous when moving forward. He made his debut in the West German First Division with Eintracht Frankfurt last season.

Holgar Anthes is an explosive striker and proved a problem to every defence he encountered. Attached to Hessen Regional League side F.S.V. Frankfurt at the time of writing, Anthes is being pursued by many of his country's leading clubs.

Already on the payroll of one of the soccer world's pre-



when he made two crucial penalty saves.

Recently acquired by First Division Bayer Leverkusen, Vollborn is acknowledged as the best young keeper Germany has produced for quite some time.

Remarkably Germany qualified for the Coca-Cola tournament only after the withdrawal of Holland. The 1989 European Youth Championship also was designated as an eliminator for Australia and here Germany failed to get beyond the last 16!

The Dutch dropped out because they did not feel confident of being able to persuade their leading clubs to release players at a crucial stage in the domestic season.

Ironically, the Germans' problem in the same area is equally acute.

Weise has already expressed concern that his Coca-Cola aspirations may be wrecked by clubs clinging to their star youngsters.

Weise is adamant: "We will not take 'tourist team' to the fifth continent. Unless the possible side is available, I am not interested in going to Australia."

His cause has been taken up by German Federation President Hermann Neuberger who personally has appealed to all major clubs to put their country first.

At this stage it appears that patriotism and public opinion will ensure that Germany will be at full strength.

If this is so, the Germans will be strong contenders for the Coca-Cola championship, one of the few major international trophies which has eluded them.

Villazan threat to Argentina

Uruguay soccer sensation Jorge Villazan is chasing a unique double in the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Villazan may be only 18, but his attacking talents are so dazzling that he has already broken into the first team of Nacional, which beat Nottingham Forest to become World Club Champion.

Now Villazan is trying to achieve a similar status for his country.

And one guy who predicts a treat for the Australian public next month is his brother, Rafael, capped 27 times by Uruguay and now a defender with English First Division side Wolves.

The brothers Villazan send each other cassettes every week to exchange their intercontinental news.

Rafael, 26 and a former National star himself, said: "Jorge is wildly excited by the Coca-Cola Cup. He talks on the tapes these days about little else."

"For a start it's the first time he will have travelled outside South America. But the main thing is the chance to

replace Argentina as world youth champion.

"You really have to be a Uruguayan to understand the incredible rivalry with Argentina. They beat them 5-1 in the qualifying event on their way to becoming South American champion and the whole country went berserk."

"It seemed that every man, woman and child was on the streets of Montevideo to welcome them home. So you can't be like if Uruguay wins the Coca-Cola Cup, itself?"

"This is the greatest moment of Jorge's life so far!"

Both Rafael and Jorge were playing soccer at five in their home village of El Carmen, which gets by on the production of bread and wine.

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Macleod hits lead with two goals

MARTON'S GOALS SINK MELITA

St. George came back with a vengeance to defeat Melita 3-2 in the New South Wales State League Preliminary Final at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Saints now advance to the Grand Final to be played on Sunday against Croatia.

St. George left it till two minutes into extra time to score the winner, and it was striker Marton who cut through the penalty area unopposed to hit it home.

Melita was back in the side after being dropped because he allegedly requested higher match payments.

And his two goals proved the difference between winning and losing for St. George.

Melita opened extremely well and went to the lead after only four minutes when central striker Don Allan stormed in at the far post to score from a Ray Farrugia cross.

Gradually, however, St. George's midfield took control for the rest of the first half and the side went in 2-1 up at half time.

Its first goal came after 30 minute when a long cross fell favourably for Marton in the penalty area for him to place his shot.

Marton was involved in a second Saints goal as it was from his corner that big centre back David Rylands scored with a hard header.

Melita, after fading in the first half, came out much more determined for the second half, and drew level with a controversial penalty after nine minutes.

St. George goalkeeper Mike Fraser went up for a high ball, but he dropped it as he was challenged by Allan, and as Allan tried to run on the ball, Fraser held him back.

The initial charge was broken off by the keeper, who had held him for a kick against him but referee Gary Power awarded a penalty to Melita, which Farrugia promptly netted.

From then on the match could have gone either way, with both sides playing entertaining soccer for the 4,973 supporters.

But it was left to a heart-stopping finale when Marton scored the winner for St. George.

The St. George midfield looked much more active with captain Peter Stone playing extremely well, while for Melita defenders Don Campbell and Greg McCoy were the pick.

Details:

FINAL: St. George 3 (Marton 2 Rylands) Melita 2 (Allan, Farrugia) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 4,973.

SECOND GRADE: Manly 1 (Aubelous Ogi) b Melita 0.

THIRD GRADE: Sutherland 1 (Clinch) B Marconi 0.

AJAX 5 (Macleod 2, Grechan, Paul Lewis, Vassallo) **FRANKSTON 0**. Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Green Gully Reserve.

CROYDON 8 (Spink 2, P. Loughnane 2, I. Loughnane, pen., Wade, Smith, McCombe) **WESTERN SUBURBS 1** (Vojtek).

CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Peter Lewis 8, Hopkin 8, Cannell 8, G. Bennett 8 — Grechan 7 (Paul Lewis 85th, 8), A. Bennett 7 (inj., Wall 75th), Gerard 7, Vassallo 7 — Murray 8, Macleod 8.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9 — Lennox 6 (Crossfield 6th, 7), Adam 7, Stewart 6, Ormond 6, Leishman 6, Halford 7, Terrell 7 — Buchanan 6, Egan 7, Campbell 6.

Three second half goals in rapid progression sent Ajax through to the semi-finals of the cup and gave Gus Macleod joint leadership of the General Tourist top scorer award.

The first half was about 10 minutes old when Charlie Egan came in at the far post to head home but for some unaccountable reason was ruled offside. A few minutes later Macleod headed in and referee Zoumas overruled the offside flag of his linesmen and pointed to the centre spot. Immediately Zoumas was surrounded at the half line by angry Frankston players so he went across to his linesmen and after a few seconds communicated his decision and awarded a free kick to the Baysiders. A few minutes later Kit Grechan's low shot from the edge of the area beat young Dave Gilbert to open Ajax's account. As Grechan shot Macleod was standing almost one metre offside with Zoumas maybe three metres nearby yet the goal was given.

Willie Vassallo's low drive from an acute angle in the 50th minute made Frankston's task hopeless then Macleod and substitute Paul Lewis headed in to secure Moore's services.

Suburbs went one goal down at Jubilee Park on Sunday when Jimmy Spink hammered a volley in from just outside the area in the 5th minute.

Two minutes later Eddie Kupres and Ian Loughnane clashed and a penalty was awarded which the Croydon's 10-year-old Dave Gilbert converted.

From then on it was a procession. A couple of goals in a game are worthy of being reported but once a scoreline reaches the half dozen mark it's in the realm of statistics.

ALTONA 3 (Little, Watterson, Verniers o.g.) RINGWOOD 2 (Greener 2). Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Jubilee Park.

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